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Many thanks Karen!
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For your awareness.

Thanks,

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Subject: REPRESSION AGAINST HR DEFENDERS INCREASES: Update to the Urgent Action Submission by the IITC and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, North Dakota United States:

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Respectful greetings,

This urgent action communication is submitted as an update and addendum to the urgent action human rights communication submitted on August 18th, 2016 by the International Indian Treaty Council in conjunction with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

We deeply regret to inform you that the repression being carried out against the Human, Treaty and Environmental Rights Defenders of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and their supporters from Indian Tribes and Nations throughout the United States, the Americas and Pacific has intensified. Today we received reliable reports that private security forces employed by the pipeline company Dakota Access LLC, a subsidiary of Texas-based Energy Transfer Crude Oil Company, intentionally unleashed attack dogs and used pepper spray on non-violent Indigenous protesters. Dozens were reportedly injured as a result.

Please see the article and links provided below by *Indian Country Today*, a highly reputable national publication with reporters on site.

The UN Special Rapporteurs on Human Rights Defenders and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as other United Nations human rights mandate holders have recognized the role of private/corporate security guards in carrying out violence and repression against Indigenous human rights defenders, allowing governments to continue, with impunity, to ignore their obligations to uphold human rights in such situations.

We request the UN Rapporteurs to whom this follow up communication is addressed to immediately request the United States Federal Government take action to protect the safety of human rights defenders of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and other Tribes which have joined them in their resistance to the oil pipeline that is being constructed with the permission of the United States government Army Corps of Engineers. We reiterate the positions presented in our submission dated August 18th that the

construction of this oil pipeline violates legally-binding Treaty Rights, threatens the Tribe's primary source of water, desecrates sacred sites and burial grounds, and violates the right to Free Prior and Informed Consent.

We also reiterate the other requests made in our original submission dated August 18th if action has not yet been initiated in response. Unfortunately, to our knowledge, no action has been taken by the US government to remedy or rectify the situation in this regard. Instead, as reported today, the repression has been permitted to increase.

I have also added the United Nations Rapporteur on Cultural Rights to this communication, as many sacred areas and burial grounds are deliberately and knowingly being desecrated in the pipeline construction, including one that was damaged Dakota Access LLC by actions associated with the current incident. I will resubmit the original communication to her office as well in a subsequent e-mail.

Thank you for your acknowledgment of receipt of this follow-up urgent action communication to your good officers, and for taking immediate steps to communicate with the United States of America State Department in order to halt the continuing human rights violations as outlined in this and our previous communication.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the International Indian Treaty Council, an Indigenous organization with General Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council, in conjunction with and at the request of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Energy Transfer Partners unleashes attack dogs on water protectors

This is assault by pipeline security against Native people. ICTMN reporter Sarah Manning is Lakota and is on the ground:

"Approximately eight dog handlers, hired by Dakota Access, led the barking and snarling dogs right up to the front line.

"The women joined arms, and we started saying 'Water is life!' A dog came up and bit my leg, and right after that a man came up to us and maced the whole front line," Young Bear said.

Young Bear and at least five others suffered injuries from dog bites, and approximately 30 others suffered temporary blindness after receiving a chemical spray to the face and eyes. A horse owned by a Native American water defender also suffered bite wounds from the dogs.

"They let one dog off his leash and ran loose into the crowd," Frejo said. "That's when people started protecting themselves against the dog. The guy that let his dog go came into the crowd to retrieve him and started swinging on everybody. He hit some young boys, and they defended themselves."

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/09/04/manning-and-then-dogs-came-dakota-access-gets-violent-destroys-graves-sacred-sites-165677>

Tim Mentz on sacred site destroyed on Saturday:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EAWpl5L_Bc&app=desktop

Democracy Now video of dogs unloaded from trucks to intimidate Lakota people protecting burial sites. Six people were bitten and more than 30 sprayed with pepper spray. Watch.

http://www.democracynow.org/2016/9/4/dakota_access_pipeline_company_attacks_native

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